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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF GADOD AFFAIR

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NAWA-I-WAQI, JADOD TOLD SYMPATHETIC AUDIENCES THAT HE HAD NO PART IN THE GADOD SHOOTING. THAT HIS PEOPLE NEVER FIRED A SHOT. THAT THE ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE BEHEST OF THE US. THAT THE GOP IS REMISS IN ITS OBLIGATION TO HELP THE FARMERS AND THAT SIMILAR INCIDENTS COULD OCCUR IN THE FUTURE. END SUMMARY

2. ALL MAJOR DAILIES ON MARCH 5 COVERED JADOD'S SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH JADOD CLAIMED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD BROKEN ITS PLEDGE BY UNFASHING 'A REIGN OF TERROR' AGAINST THE POPPY GROWERS. JADOD CLAIMED THAT GOVERNMENT FORCES MOVED IN EARLY ON THE SAME MORNING THAT A TRIBAL JIRGA WAS TO MEET DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ROMAT TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE AND DISCUSS COMPENSATION FOR THE POPPY GROWERS. HE ALSO DENIED THAT THE PEOPLE HAD USED ARMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT FORCES. HE THEN SAID THAT HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING. HE SAID THAT HIS PEOPLE WANT TO STOP CULTIVATING POPPIES 'WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS'. HOWEVER, WITHOUT AN ALTERNATIVE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO STOP GROWING POPPIES.

3. NAWA-I-WAQI CARRIED AN IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW WITH JADOD AND OTHER FRONTIER LEADERS. IN IT JADOD SAID THAT THE INCIDENT DAMNED AS DOOMSDAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GADOD. HE ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE 'BLOODY DRAMA' WAS ENACTED WITH AMERICAN BACKING. ALL THOSE INTERVIEWED SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT STARTED ANY CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE MASSES OF THE AREA. THEY ALSO FELT THAT A SIMILAR SITUATION COULD ARISE IN NUMBER WHERE DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS, BEGUN IN 1976, HAVE STILL NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

4. JANG QUOTED JADOD AS SAYING, "THE AMERICANS DESIRE AN END TO POPPY CULTIVATION. TOMORROW THEY WILL TELL US TO STOP GROWING GRAPES AND WHEAT AS WELL. GO LOOK AT THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE POOR. THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT."

5. ALTHOUGH THE MUSLIN REPORTED THE SAME FACTS IN ITS COVERAGE OF JADOD'S SPEECH, IT RESORTED TO FRONT-PAGE EDITORIALIZING WITH PHRASES SUCH AS, "THE HOUSE LISTENED TO JADOD IN PIN-DROP SILENCE AS HE TEARFULLY RELATED TO THE MEMBERS THE HORRIBLE STORY OF THE KILLING OF POPPY GROWERS." IT THEN WENT ON TO REPORT

THAT JADOD DEMANDS THAT THE GOP ANSWER THE CHARGE THAT THE US HAD FINANCED MINISTAR MATTOO DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON THAT NO AID TO PARISTAN WOULD BE FORTHCOMING UNLESS THE AUTHORITIES TOOK SUCH ACTION AGAINST THE POPPY GROWERS.

6. IN A RELATED STORY, THE MUSLIN ALSO REPORTED THAT THE CHIEF OF THE NDP SAID PARISTANS WOULD NEVER FORGET THE GADOD TRAGEDY AND WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF EVERY DROP OF BLOOD WHICH WAS SPILLED.

7. ALSO APPEARING IN THE MARCH 14 EDITION OF THE MUSLIN WAS A PROMINANTLY FEATURED EDITORIAL WHICH LAYED MUCH OF THE BLAME ON THE US. QUOTE: THE PUBLIC IS HOLDING THE US RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INITIATION OF THE REPRESSIVE ACTION AND SPEAKERS AT LARGE PUBLIC MEETINGS HAVE DEMANDS THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US BE SEVERED."

8. ON THE LIGHTER SIDE, KABUL RADIO'S PUSHTO SERVICE REPORTED ON MARCH 12 THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF PARISTAN HAS CONFISCATED THOUSANDS OF HECTARES OF LAND UNDER THE PRETEXT OF A CAMPAIGN AGAINST NARCOTICS IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IT AMONG OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. HINTON BT

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